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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-312 (Sub-No. 3X), *South Carolina Railroad Company, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC.*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for e-filing by the South Carolina Railroad Company, LLC is a letter received from the United States Department of Agriculture, Resources Conservation Service stating that project will have no significant impact on prime or statewide important farmlands.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



Melanie B. Yasbin
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Enclosure

United States Department of Agriculture



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January 10, 2011

Melanie B. Yasbin
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Dear Ms. Yasbin,


The project listed below is in an area already in urban development or are in an existing right-of-way. As such, the project will have no significant impact on prime or statewide important farmlands.

- South Carolina Railroad Company, LLC – Abandonment Exemption, Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC.

For future reference, NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the Code of Federal Regulations 7CFR657. The website is:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_00/7cfr657_00.html. Detailed information can be found in Section 657.5 on this website.

If you have any questions, please call Pamela Thomas, State Soil Scientist, at (803) 253-3896.

Sincerely,



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State Conservationist